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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF : David E. Patterson and Richard D. Cramer

TITLE : A Further Method Of Creating and Rapidly
Searching A Virtual Library Of Potential Molecules
Using Validated Molecular Structural Descriptors

SERIAL NO. : 09/866,543

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EXAMINER : Mary K. Zeman

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 2003

Applicants hereby respond to the office action dated September 2, 2003. This response is being timely filed along with a petition for extension of time and the required fee. Applicants' attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies she extended during the office interview and the frank and useful discussion of the issues presented in the present application.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3.

Serial No. 09/866,543
Amendment dated March 2, 2004
Reply to Office Action of Sept. 2, 2003

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 25.